THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.18900 of 2005

Date:22.09.2005

Mohd. Shareef

--------PETITIONER

The Secretary and another

---------RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioner was employed as a Driver in the Falaknuma Depot of A.P.S.R.T.C. He retired from service on 30.04.2003, on attaining the age of superannuation. He claims to have subscribed to the Staff Recruitment Benefit Scheme (SRBS) introduced by the respondents. His grievance is that the benefit of the scheme was not extended to him, even after the lapse of two years from the date of retirement.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

It is the case of the petitioner that on being informed that there was a due of Rs.1680/- from the petitioner towards his subscription to the Scheme, he paid the same on 12.06.2003 through a Demand Draft. The petitioner states that he made a representation, dated 24.10.2004, as well as got issued notices to the respondents, for releasing the benefit under the Scheme. His grievance is that no action has been taken thereon by the respondents so far.

The question as to whether the petitioner is covered by the Scheme and entitled

for the benefits thereof, cannot be decided by this Court at this stage. If the petitioner is covered by the Scheme, he cannot be denied the benefits unduly for a long time. The respondents are under obligation to take necessary steps on the representation made by the petitioner and to inform him, the decision taken by them.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the respondents herein to examine the representation made by the petitioner for releasing the benefits under SRBS and intimate the decision to the petitioner, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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